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☐ The petition filed on examiner for consideration on the merits.	under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted.	The paper has been forwarded to the
X The amendment filed on Feb 25, 1998	under 37 CFR 1.312 has been	considered, and has been:
☐ entered.		
🛛 entered as directed to matters of form	not affecting the scope of the inve	ntion (Order 3311).
☐ disapproved. See explanation below.		
entered in part. See explanation below	<i>.</i>	

Applicant is informed that the information disclosure statement (I.D.S.) filed on April 7, 1997 in this application was filed after the Notice of Allowance. The I.D.S. has been considered by the Examiner, but the the Notice of Allowance (Paper No. 16) stands. In addition, one of the U.S. Patent No. 4,564,079 has been crossed out by the Examiner, because the same reference has been cited twice on the sheet 3 of 5, and the U.S. Patent No. 4,503,286 of the Official Gazette cited on the column of Other Art has been recited on the column of U.S. Patent Documents of sheet 5 of 5. See the attached PTO-1449.

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